



**MIMI H. SILBERT**

***Delancy Street Foundation  
Board Composition: Public Member  
(Appointed by the Governor)***

Dr. Mimi Silbert is the CEO and President for Delancey Street Foundation. For 43 years, Delancey Street, a residential educational community, has provided residents with academic, vocational, and social skills, and the discipline, values, and attitudes they need to live in society legitimately and successfully -- at no cost to the client or taxpayer. There are currently over 18,000 successful graduates. Dr. Silbert lives in Delancey Street, abides by its rules, where everyone functions as an extended family, sharing everything. There are no staff as all functions are performed solely by the residents. Although the residents are often violent, long term gang members and/or hard core drug addicts, with little to no education or work experience, Dr. Silbert believes the people who have the problem can become their own solution. Delancey Street's approach is to develop their strengths rather than to focus on their problems. With no staff and no government funding, these residents have not only turned their own lives around, but have built the entire organization.

Dr. Silbert has been awarded 11 Honorary Doctorate Degrees including Brandeis, UMass, Golden Gate University, San Francisco State University, and from Ben-Gurion University in Israel. She has received several President's Medallions, numerous religious, community, and governmental awards. She has been presented numerous social entrepreneurial awards including an induction into the San Francisco Business Hall of Fame. Her work in Delancey Street Foundation has been featured in over 50 books, endless articles, and television segments including 60 Minutes and 20/20.

Although Delancey Street is her primary life work, Dr. Silbert is also a recognized national expert in criminal justice. As a criminal justice planner and evaluator, she has directed over 100 evaluations of police, probation and sheriff department projects and trainings, and has served on the Board of State and Community Corrections for 30 years.